

### REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

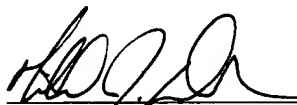
Claims 1-10, 16-20, 25-28, and 33-36 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 6, 16, 25, and 33 being independent. Claims 11, 13-15, 21, 23, 24, 29, 31, and 32 have been cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer.

The specification has been amended herein to correct various informalities. Support for the specification amendments may be found in the application, as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicant notes that claims 1-10, 16-20, 25-28, 33-36 have been allowed. By this Amendment, all claims not allowed have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, only the allowed claims are presented in this application. The art rejections are moot, and an early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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